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Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 9:54 AM
To: HarborComments
Subject: Please revise the Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup Plan

Dear Administrator Gina McCarthy,

I imagine you've seen the stock email template over and over, so I've deleted it :)

I've lived in Portland for 17 years, and as I'm sure you know, our proximity to (and immersion in) nature is one of the things that makes this city such a great place.

I'm in support of stronger measures to make the river as clean as we possibly can - including additional dredging (alternative G), and setting standards that would allow ALL Portlanders to safely eat fish from the river.

I volunteer as a "nature mentor" in a program that helps underserved youth get outside - and I'm reminded constantly that while some of us like myself have the opportunity and means to go backpacking into the unspoiled wilderness areas of the Cascades, there are vast numbers of people in our city without the means to do so. We would be doing them an injustice by limiting the degree of the river's recovery (the river they CAN get to) in order to protect the financial well-being of business owners (who can access pristine waters easily).

This opportunity to correct a historical mistake is an amazing thing, and it's one of the things that makes our country great. But to be frank, it's a small miracle that it's happening *at all*, and so we will certainly NEVER have another chance to get this right. Please keep this in mind when evaluating the options - this is our one chance to get it right, and to set the bar high enough to serve ALL members of the community.

Thank you for reading this - I really appreciate the effort you and your agency are putting into this, and I recognize that the issue is more complex than I'm able to grasp, but I hope that an occasional "simple and direct" perspective from a Portlander will help steer us towards the cleanest river we can possibly have. *That* is a legacy we can leave and be proud of.

Sincerely,

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